

# Family Preservation Programs Report

(FY 2022 Appropriation Act - Public Act 87 of 2021)

**February 15, 2022**

***Sec. 523. (1) By February 15 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office a report on the families first, family reunification, and families together building solutions family preservation programs. The report shall provide population and outcome data based on contractually required follow-up evaluations for families who received family preservation services and shall include information for each program on any innovations that may increase child safety and risk reduction.***

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for runaway and homeless youth grants and domestic violence prevention and treatment, the department is authorized to make allocations of TANF revenue only to agencies that report necessary data to the department for the purpose of meeting TANF eligibility reporting requirements.

(3) By October 1 of the current fiscal year, from the funds appropriated in part 1 for family preservation services, the department shall retain the rates established by the increase provided in section 523(3) of article 6 of 2020 PA 166.



### **Families First of Michigan (FFM)**

During fiscal year 2021, FFM served 6,025 children in 2,183 families. Of the families who could be located for follow-up, 75% remained intact one year after services concluded.

### **Family Reunification Program (FRP)**

During fiscal year 2021, FRP served 1,510 children in 699 families. Of the families who could be located for follow-up, 67% remained intact one year after completion of services.

### **Families Together Building Solutions (FTBS)**

During fiscal year 2021, FTBS served 3,844 children in 1,553 families. Of the families who could be identified in the Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare System (MiSACWIS), 90% remained intact one year after completion of services.

Due to a transition in data collection methods, FTBS outcomes are approximate and may not reflect all families who received FTBS services.

### **Innovations to Increase Safety and Reduce Risk in all Family Preservation Programs (FFM, FRP, and FTBS)**

- During fiscal year 2021, the Government Performance Lab of Harvard-Kennedy School identified best practices and improve services in FFM. The FFM Collaborative was established, a workgroup with contracted providers. The collaborative met monthly through June 2021 to review data, explore challenges to service delivery, and identify resources to help increase safety and reduce risk to children.
- To increase data quantity and quality, the Government Performance Lab assisted with developing a new monthly reporting template for FFM, FRP, and FTBS. This innovation will help identify service strengths and areas for improvement more quickly and with more detail.
- The MDHHS Data Management Unit created a new database using the new monthly reporting templates to collect and sort data. The database connects to MiSACWIS, which will provide more accurate outcomes data and improve data analysis to support creating best practices for services.
- FFM, FRP, and FTBS providers are now all contractually required to provide the Protective Factors Survey-2 (PFS-2) to all consumers. The self-administered PFS-2 helps gauge family functioning, strengths, and areas of concern at the beginning and conclusion of services. The survey will help providers and families create more family-centered treatment goals to increase positive outcomes and identify strengths and areas of improvement in service delivery.
- The Friends Network is an organization that received a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services – Children's Bureau to

develop a database for the PFS-2. Family Preservation Program Office has partnered with Friend Network to access the database for our FFM, FRP, and FTBS service providers. Friends Network provided training for contracted provider staff in August 2021. The database simplifies the data logistics and analytics to allow the Family Preservation Program Office to recognize resource and programming needs on local, regional, or statewide levels.